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I wish to register my opposition the raised bill No. 6962.

In particular I find quite troubling, the following substitutions:

Sec. 3. Section 53a-217a

To substitute the set of prohibited persons with a generic "another person" unnecessarily broadens this section and puts legal gun owners at risk of ambiguous legal liability.

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 29-38c

This is the most troubling to me, and I would hope to The Committee, in that the statement "the state shall have the burden of proving all material facts by clear and convincing evidence." is replaced with "...the person shall have the burden of showing...". This is an outrageous turnabout of American justice where innocent until proven guilty is the foundation of our judicial system. According to this substitution the accused has to show a "a preponderance of the evidence that he or she no longer poses a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or herself or to other individuals...".

While public safety is everyone's goal, simply stripping away rights to assure such safety is a dangerous precedent.

I hope that as a committee you will reject this proposed Bill.

Best regards,

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